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SUBJECT: POST DIFFERENTIAL FOR PROPOSED CONGEN KIEV

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1. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, EMBASSY'S PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF SITUATION IN KIEV CONFIRMS THAT ISOLATION AND LACK OF GOODS AND SERVICES WILL POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR MORALE AND WELFARE OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NEW CONSULATE GENERAL. THE FACT OF KIEV'S DISTANCE FROM WEST EUROPEAN BORDERS AND ABSENCE OF ANY OTHER WESTERN COMMUNITY WILL MULTIPLY SIGNIFICANTLY THE PRIVATIONS OF LIFE IN USSR COMPARED TO MOSCOW OR LENINGRAD WHERE LONG WESTERN PRESENCE HAS GENERATED SPECIALIZED SERVICES AND REGULAR TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS. FOR KIEV, EXTENT OF SOVIET RESTRICTIONS, ADEQUACY OF MEDICAL SERVICES, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND HOUSING ARE ALL LIKELY PROBLEM AREAS.

2. IN VIEW THIS SITUATION, EMBASSY BELIEVES KIEV SHOULD BE 25PERCENT DIFFERENTIAL POST FROM INCEPTION. SUCH ACTION SEEMS TO US ESSENTIAL STEP FOR MORALE OF EMPLOYEES AND RECRUITMENT OF INITIAL STAFF. IF FURTHER INFORMATION NECESSARY TO SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT NEW DIFFERENTIAL LEVEL, PLEASE ADVISE.

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